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HOUSE RESOLUTION 82
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A RESOLUTION concerning African American teachers and administrators within the state's system of public education.

WHEREAS, in June, 1988, the Tennessee task force on the supply of minority teachers published its formal report of findings, including seven recommendations collectively designed to begin the process of addressing the pending shortage of African American teachers and administrators within the state's system of public education; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 36 of 1989 requested the state board of education, the department of education, the board of regents of the state university and community college system, the board of trustees of the university of Tennessee system, the Tennessee higher education commission, the Tennessee student assistance corporation, the Tennessee school boards association, and the Tennessee education association to jointly report to the senate and house education committees, concerning implementation of the task force recommendations as well as development of other measures to recruit and retain sufficient numbers of African American teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, various state programs and policies have been implemented, including, but not limited to, the minority teaching fellows program, as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-706, and community college education recruitment, as previously set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-707; and

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WHEREAS, at this time it is appropriate to review state efforts to address this critical problem; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this body hereby requests the comptroller of the treasury, division of state audit, to conduct a performance evaluation of recent and current state programs and policies to address the pending shortage of African American teachers and administrators within the state's system of public education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the division of state audit is requested to deliver its report of findings and recommendations to the education committee of the house of representatives and to the government operations committee of the house of representatives prior to January 13, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be delivered to the comptroller of the treasury.